

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:803

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SCHEMES FOR ARSENIC AFFECTED AREA IN WEST BENGAL

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of the West Bengal has sent any pre-feasibility report to the Union Government for surface water based schemes for Arsenic affected areas in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action the Government has taken so far in implementing the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) Government of West Bengal has submitted 6 project proposals to tackle water quality affected habitations at an estimated cost of Rs. 1166 crores. The details of these proposals are given in Annexure.

(c) Rural drinking water is a State subject. Government of India extends financial and technical assistance to States for supply of safe drinking water in rural areas through a Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Funds amounting to Rs. 63.95 crore have been released to West Bengal Government so far during the current year under ARWSP. 15% of ARWSP funds have been exclusively earmarked for Sub Mission project for tackling water quality problems. With effect from 01.04.1998, the power to sanction Sub Mission projects have been delegated to States. As States are fully empowered to take up water quality improvement schemes, the proposals were returned to West Bengal Government for taking necessary action.

ANNEXURE

(REFERENCE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 803 DATED 06.12.2004)

DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TO TACKLE WATER QUALITY AFFECTED HABITATIONS

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1.	Surface water based water supply schemes for arsenic affected areas of Murshidabad district (N-E sector)	242
2.	Surface water based water supply schemes for Raghunathgunj-I block of Murshidabad district	55
3.	Surface water based water supply schemes for arsenic affected areas of Murshidabad district (S-E sector)	248
4.	Surface water based water supply schemes for arsenic affected areas of Nadia district in Haringhata-Chakdah areas	198
5.	Surface water based water supply schemes for Kaligunj-Nakshipara areas of Nadia district	213
6.	Surface water based water supply schemes for arsenic affected areas of Habra-Gaighata and adjoining mouzas in North-24 Paraganas district	210

Total: 1166